## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

JENS ERIK WESTHOFF,	)
Plaintiff,	) Case No. 8:16-cv-000456
VS.	)
CITY OF OMAHA,	) )
Intervenor-Plaintiff,	) COMPLAINT ) IN INTERVENTION
vs.	)
DB INDUSTRIES, L.L.C.,	)
Defendant.	)

**COMES NOW** the City of Omaha, and for its Complaint in Intervention, alleges and states as follows:

- 1. The Plaintiff Jens Erik Westhoff is a resident of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.
- 2. On information and belief, the Defendant DB Industries, L.L.C., is a limited liability company registered under the laws of the state of Minnesota, with its principal place of business in Red Wing, Minnesota. DB Industries, L.L.C., is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of 3M Company, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Saint Paul, Minnesota.
- 3. The Intervenor-Plaintiff City of Omaha is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, and located in Douglas County, Nebraska.
- 4. There is complete diversity of citizenship, and venue and jurisdiction of this Court are proper.
- 5. The Plaintiff claims to have suffered injuries from an accident arising out of and in the course and scope of his employment with the City of Omaha occurring on or

- about August 29, 2012. The accident happened in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.
- 6. The Plaintiff made a claim for workers' compensation benefits against his employer City of Omaha, and benefits were paid and continue to be paid according to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-101, et seq.
- 7. Said accident and work-related injuries form the basis for the causes of action alleged by the Plaintiff in this matter.
- 8. That, as of October 6, 2017, the Plaintiff has received workers' compensation benefits from the City of Omaha totaling \$137,350.02.
- 9. That Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-118, et seq., allows the employer of an injured employee to be subrogated to the right of the employee's recovery against a third party.
- 10. The City of Omaha, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-118, et seq., hereby claims a lien on the claim by the Plaintiff against any third parties, including the Defendant, and any recovery or judgment therefrom.

WHEREFORE, the Intervenor-Plaintiff City of Omaha prays for a judgment against the Defendant and for the Plaintiff for general and special damages for the causes of action previously pled in this matter, and for the Intervenor-Plaintiff City of Omaha to recover from said proceeds pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-118, et seq., for benefits previously paid to the Plaintiff.

**DATED** this 12th day of October, 2017.

## CITY OF OMAHA

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on October 12, 2017, the foregoing was filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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